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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a non-final Office Action dated November 12, 2004 (hereinafter, the “Office Action”) by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.